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## ORI results: Keesler is 'excellent'



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Donald Rapier, 81st Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates how to safely handle an M-16 during the ORI deployment exercise Friday. More photos, Pages 16-17.

## Wing celebrates outcome today in marina park

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Keesler's performance in the Operational Readiness Inspection Feb. 29 through Tuesday's outbrief in Welch Auditorium can be summed up in one word — "excellent."

The Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Team used that one word over and over in its report:

**81st Training Wing** — excellent.

**81st Medical Group** — excellent.

**81st Mission Support Group** — excellent.

**81st Training Group** — excellent.

**Major accident response exercise** — excellent.

**Deployment exercise** — excellent.

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General Peterson

## General Peterson 8th Air Force-bound

By Perry Jenifer

Keesler News editor

Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson, 81st Training Wing commander, has a new assignment to go with his upcoming promotion.

General Peterson, a major general-select, has been assigned as vice commander of 8th Air Force, Air Combat Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Replacing General Peterson at Keesler is Brig. Gen. William Lord, director of communications and information systems at ACC headquarters, Langley AFB, Va.

No date has been set for the change of command here.

General Peterson has led the 81st TRW since May 2002.

This assignment was a

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General Lord

# COMMENTARY

## Congratulations, Team Keesler, on your super ORI performance

By Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson

81st Training Wing commander

Just what I expected ... another leading-edge performance by the 81st Training Wing.

I'm extremely proud of the team effort, which took place over the past six months as we prepared Keesler for our recent Operational Readiness Inspection. It took hard work from every one of us to turn the inspection into an overwhelming success.

Congratulations on a super outcome. Everyone in Air Education and Training Command will take notice that the 81st TRW is a world-class leader!

It just didn't matter where the inspector general looked. In every case, the inspectors

found hard-working professionals doing exactly what we demand of them. In some cases, the efforts were well above and beyond what's required. In others, especially where we had to cut back on resources or priorities, the scores met the standard.

Regardless of the inspection ratings, this wing is doing exactly what we've asked of it, from super air expeditionary force support to the best technical training available anywhere, to unbelievable medical operations, to key staff functions and to an array of support activities which compete — and frequently win — against similar organizations Air Force-wide. Congratulations on setting the mark. I'm humbled to be on your team.

## Assaults violate human dignity

By Gen. Don Cook

AETC commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Recent reports alleging a rash of sexual assaults at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, over the past year gravely concern me.

These reports should gravely concern you as well because assault of any kind isn't only criminal; it unconditionally violates the respect for human dignity that forms the foundation of our Air Force.

Simply put, the allegation of sexual assault will affect unit cohesion and morale.

Have no doubt, you, and all Airmen, are personally responsible for preventing assaults of any kind. When our best efforts to deter these egregious crimes fail and violations occur, you have a moral obligation to report them to the appropriate authorities.

You also have a moral responsibility to seek immediate and compassionate aid for victims, and fully cooperate with all subsequent investigations so that perpetrators are punished when such behavior is reported or discovered, and corroborated by vigorous investigative procedures. We won't serve with known criminals in our midst.

As a result of these reports, I directed Col. K.C. McClain, Air Education and Training Command's deputy director of operations for technical training, to lead a fact-finding review team to examine the situation at Sheppard. She and her team arrived at Sheppard Feb. 16 and immediately went to work.

The group, comprised of officials representing the command's family support center, inspector general, military equal opportunity, personnel, security forces, staff judge advocate and surgeon general offices, was charged to assess the climate and examine the effectiveness of all plans, programs, policies and procedures in place at Sheppard to deter sexual assaults.

Additionally, the group evaluated the base's plans, programs, policies and procedures to ensure swift and appropriate actions are taken when sexual assaults are reported or discovered. The group also examined previously reported assaults to confirm proper actions were taken in each case.

Colonel McClain and her team expeditiously and uncompromisingly conducted a thorough review of all plans, programs, policies and

procedures at Sheppard, interviewed more than 1,000 people including commanders and randomly selected students, and administered a survey to more than 5,000 students.

The team determined through surveys that 95 percent of the students at Sheppard feel safe and secure, 90 percent stated wing leadership effectively handles sexual assault allegations when reported, and that reporting sexual assaults when they occur is encouraged by wing leadership.

The review also determined that the majority of students understand how to report sexual assaults, but unfortunately, many students are reluctant to report such assaults. The predominant reasons students gave for their reluctance to report sexual assaults included concerns they'd be delayed in training at Sheppard as an investigation moved forward, that they'd be disciplined for misconduct collateral to the sexual assault (such as underage drinking), embarrassment, loss of confidentiality (only reports to the chaplain remain confidential) and peer pressure.

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## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number. Items of general interest may appear in this column.

### Thumbs up, medics!

**Comment** — I had a doctor's appointment for 2 p.m. today. The doctor saw me right at 2 p.m.

I had a urine specimen, blood drawn, X-rays and my prescription filled — all under an hour.

The staff was very professional and courteous.

**Response** — Thanks for sharing your experience with our outstanding medical personnel.

Our staff is motivated to get customers through the medical care system efficiently and as quickly as possible, even in the face of having more than 100 of our professionals deployed all over the world at any one time.

### Where's the water?

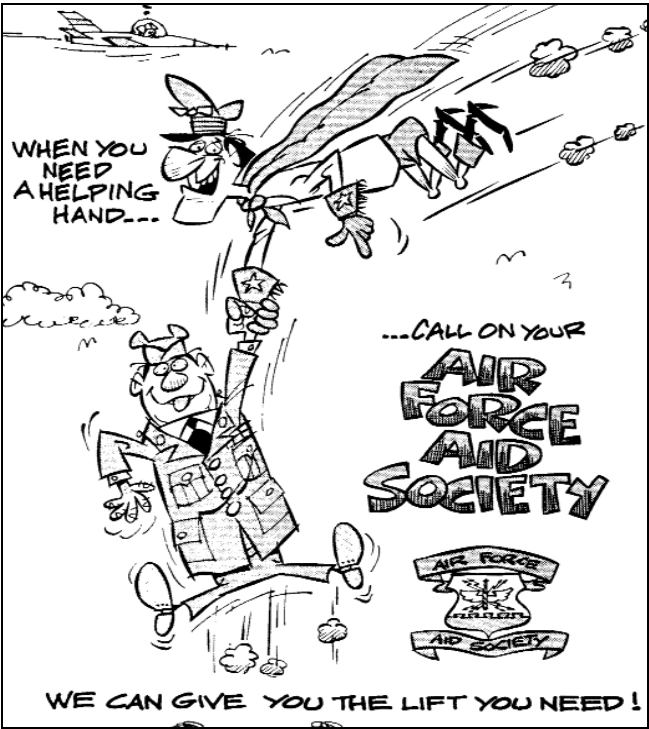
**Comment** — The water fountain on I-81 isn't working.

The closest working water fountain is inside Bay Breeze Golf Course.

**Response** — The outdoor water fountain in question was turned off to prevent freezing during the colder winter months.

The fountain is now turned on.

In the future, refer any facility or utility-related concerns to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's customer service desk, 377-5561, 5562, 5563 or 2236.



# Motorcycle safety: It's time to change approach

By Gen. John Jumper

Air Force chief of staff

How many times have you heard a story like this one:

A couple of friends at a party had been drinking and one suggested they take his new motorcycle to get more alcohol.

They hop on the bike, no helmets, and the operator decides to show how fast the bike can go. He's been signed up for training, but he hasn't completed the course yet. Before long they're traveling at 120 mph in a 60 mph zone. The operator loses control and they crash. The passenger is killed, and the operator spends 30 days in the hospital.

Or one like this:  
A new motorcycle owner decides to get the biggest, baddest Harley he can get.

He doesn't wear a helmet because he doesn't think it's "cool." He had preliminary motorcycle training and a learner's permit. He decides he can pass a car on the right around a curve. He loses control and launches 100 feet into the air. He dies on impact.

These actual incidents are only two examples of many similar stories that pass across my desk, and illustrate why we need to change the way we think about and approach motorcycle safety.

Motorcycles can be a great form of transportation and entertainment, but

they must be respected. Lately, our Air Force members have been involved in a high number of motorcycle accidents, many of which were fatal. In fiscal 2003, we lost 24 Airmen to motorcycle accidents, most of which involved unsafe operation of single vehicles and operators who practiced poor risk management or operated beyond their abilities, and lost their lives in the process.

Every member of our Air Force is critical for mission success. On the job, we exercise good operational risk management in performing difficult and dangerous tasks. We take care to train new operators in the safest practice of our profession. We provide oversight and guidance for inexperienced Airmen and young officers as they advance from apprentice to journeyman and craftsman.

We pass on the benefits of our experience and correct mistakes to help our Airmen succeed. We should also do so during our off-duty activities. Our concern for our people should not end with the workday, and our safety consciousness should not end there either. Learning about a favorite activity can be enjoyable in itself. The proper training, safety instruction and skill level make any activity more enjoyable.

Just as we ask experienced operators to mentor and train our less experienced ones, I'm asking experienced

motorcyclists to mentor new riders and help them develop their skills and knowledge about riding.

For that reason, I've asked the Air Force chief of safety, with the assistance of the vice chief of staff and the Air Force Operational Safety Council, to explore, develop and field a motorcycle mentoring concept that could foster the education and skills development of our motorcycle riders.

This Air Force-wide network of motorcycle clubs could foster relationships between riders who've been riding in an area for years and those new to the area or new to riding. They can also create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment while serving as a force multiplier for commanders' mishap prevention programs.

My vision is for a mentoring program that provides motorcycle operators the opportunity to work together to maximize their skills, reduce their chances for mishaps and have fun in the process. The formula is simple: fundamental knowledge in the form of street strategies and well-honed skills coupled with the most critical element — a responsible riding mindset.

I'm also asking commanders to look out for their motorcycle riders. Make sure the troops under your command who ride are trained to do so. A commander's responsibility for safety doesn't end with the duty day.

Actively seek out those who have bikes or are interested in taking up motorcycle riding. Make sure they take the safety courses offered on our bases, even if they have no intention of riding on base, and encourage them to join these clubs.

I ask commanders to encourage all their people to live life off-duty with the same regard for safety we practice on duty.

To those who ride motorcycles, I respect your right to choose a motorcycle as a form of transportation or recreation. But, I ask you to operate them safely, practice good risk management and operate within your abilities. Above all, make sure you're wearing the proper safety equipment. Also, look out for those who aren't ready for more advanced challenges and prevent them from engaging in dangerous behavior.

I'm a new rider myself, and I'll be taking an approved motorcycle training course to make sure I'm qualified to ride before I take my bike on the road. I'm looking forward to riding, but only when I have the skills necessary to ensure I won't be a danger on the road. And I won't go anywhere without my helmet.

Only through your efforts will we reduce the mishap rate throughout our Air Force. We'll provide the tools necessary — it is every rider's responsibility to put them to use.

## Cook,

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Though the review team's preliminary findings strongly suggest the environment at Sheppard is safe and robust programs exist to deter sexual assaults and swiftly respond to aid victims and punish per-

petrators when sexual assaults occur, the review team also determined there are ways to improve upon existing programs.

For example, student training should be expanded to include more emphasis on sexual assault awareness, deterrence and reporting, and that such training be presented in a more interactive

setting. Likewise, the current training programs for commanders, first sergeants, military training leaders and instructors should be expanded to include additional training on sexual assault awareness, deterrence and reporting.

We're looking at ways to implement these recommendations. We're also expanding

our review to look at the plans, policies, programs and procedures to address sexual assault at all our bases to ensure we have no deficiencies in our objective to deter sexual assaults. We're also making sure when our best efforts fail to deter these crimes, we swiftly and compassionately render aid to victims, thoroughly investigate the circumstances of these reports and when the evidence dictates, we prosecute and punish perpetrators.

As Airmen dedicated to protecting our country, we are all part of a very vital national defense team. Teammates must trust each other and care about each other. When one team member demonstrates disrespect for another teammate by criminal behavior such as sexual assault, trust is broken and the team is weakened.

Our important mission demands we hold ourselves to

a higher standard. Sexual assault has no place in my Air Force. It shouldn't have a place in yours either.

Over the coming weeks and months, you're going to be hearing and learning more about this important issue. Listen and pay attention to what your commanders, first sergeants, supervisors and peers are telling you regarding the unacceptable nature of sexual assault. Commit yourself to act in a manner that demonstrates daily the respect you have for your teammates and for yourself.

I'm proud of the men and women who serve our country in the Air Force with integrity, service before self and excellence.

Together, we'll continue to tackle the sexual assault problem and ensure we maintain an environment that promotes the dignity and well-being of all our Air Force team members.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## ‘Revolution in Training’ reaches Keesler Navy unit

By 2nd Lt. Lisa Santorelli

Keesler News staff

Keesler’s Naval Technical Training Unit officially changed its name to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit last month.

The name change is part of the reorganization of the Naval Education and Training Command, formerly known as the Center for Naval Education and Training. It’s also a reflection of the Navy’s Revolution in Training and Sea Warrior initiatives, which align training and education — specifically personnel, curriculum and equipment — with the Navy’s 14 emerging Learning Centers of Excellence.

“In brief, the goal of RiT is to consolidate and streamline training, while making the learning centers the focal points to better align training to support validated Fleet requirements,” said Cmdr. Scott Steadley, commander of CNATTU.

The Navy’s presence at Keesler began in 1984. CNATTU-Keesler continues to train more than 1,000 service members annually in a variety of disciplines.

The training includes the electronic calibration of afloat and aviation equipment, physical dimensions, meteorological and oceanographic observing and forecasting, maintenance and repair of meteorological equipment, operation and repair of critical communications equipment, management and control of the radio frequency spectrum and air space man-



The Center for Naval Technical Training Unit’s new logo.

“The transformation should be fairly transparent to our Air Force counterparts.”

— Commander Steadley

agement and control.

Keesler personnel won’t see any visible changes in the Navy’s training mission or how the Navy interacts with Air Force staff and instructors, according to Commander Steadley.

“The transformation should be fairly transparent to our Air Force counterparts,” he said. “However as we move down the road of RiT and Sea Warrior, what you will see is a

move to a much more integrated learning environment — maybe ‘brick and mortar’ as we have now, and maybe not. Distance learning, e-learning, self-paced courses and other alternatives to traditional resident training are being explored — all means to make the learning process more flexible and effective.”

Aerographer’s Mate 1st Class Kevin Rogers, CNATTU instructor, contributed to this report.

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# Senior NCO Academy adds writing course

**By Emily Reagan**  
**Air University Public Affairs**  
MAXWELL Air Force Base, Ala. — Writing editorials and speeches isn’t always easy for the “techno-centric.” Since most of the Air Force’s senior enlisted leaders are people managers experienced as mechanics, number crunchers or computer fixers, they often have limited experience putting their thoughts on paper. The idea of having a large audience listening to and reading their words can be rather intimidating.

With that in mind, the Air Force Senior NCO Academy has added editorial and motivational speech writing to its curriculum to sharpen the communication skills of senior enlisted leaders.

In the newly revised communications seminar, students learn to write motivational and inspirational speeches and

editorials, brief audiences on air power projection and address current command chief master sergeant issues.

“We (faculty) like to think of the academy as a think tank which provides a network of solution advisors for commanders, wing command chiefs and first sergeants,” said Kevin Reuter, Senior NCO Academy curriculum chief.

“As senior managers, they should be concise communicators able to write editorials (for base newspapers, major command publications and Web sites) and speeches that convey their commanders’ expectations and concerns,” said Mr. Reuter.

During the communications seminar, senior NCOs are challenged to write three speeches, as well as a position paper and an editorial highlighting a classmate’s accomplishments.

“We’re teaching these

enlisted leaders to widen their scope of influence. It’s part of their function as senior leaders to motivate and inspire the troops,” said Senior NCO Academy flight instructor Senior Master Sgt. Susan Garcia, who is also the module manager for communications. “Through editorials and speeches, they often have the ability to reach out and touch people they might not directly be in contact with.”

Previously, communications skills development involved students writing historical papers and producing group projects. However, it was difficult for the students to see the immediate benefit and application of those assignments.

In November, a needs-assessment study with the student body and field managers showed a need for improvement in developing practical communications skills.

The Senior NCO Academy also turned to its pool of instructors. With the finite tour of instructors, the academy turns over about one-third of its faculty every year.

“What this means is that we are constantly being refreshed with expertise straight from the field,” said Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews, Senior NCO Academy commandant. “We capitalized on these new perspectives and applied the experiences of these new instructors to develop a communications curriculum that is in alignment with what our senior NCOs are actually doing, or need to be able to do, in the field.”

As the first class to experience these changes, students can see the real-world application of the new projects and are excited about the opportunity to improve their skills.

“I can see the relevance,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Weimar, a C-130 maintenance quality assurance inspector at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. “Senior NCOs should be challenged to write. If we apply this information and the techniques we learned when we get back, we are helping ourselves and each other.”

The academy builds its teaching environment on important communication skills.

“Our intent is to provide all of our students with military education that can be used at their duty sections, wings and major commands,” said Chief Andrews. “This new curriculum is focused intensely on what is really happening in the Air Force and provides our students with abilities and skills they will use for the benefit of the Air Force mission.”



## TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

### College visitor

A Southern Illinois University representative is available in the Sablich Center main hallway, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The representative has information on a bachelor of science degree program in workforce education and development with a specialization in education, training and development.

For more information, call the SIU office, 1-850-458-6263, or visit <http://www.wed.siu.edu> and link to “off campus degree program.”

### \$1,000 scholarship

A \$1,000 Capt. Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an active-duty or full-time Guard or Reserve member pursuing a master’s degree in a non-technical field.

The application deadline is June 30.

For more information, call education services, 377-2323.

### Automotive exam

Registration deadline for the May automotive specialty exam is Wednesday.

For more information, call or visit Pamela Lee, 377-7059, Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Customer training

The Southern Company holds a Department of Defense customer training session April 7-8 at the Keesler Club.

Southern Company is the parent company of five electric utility companies in the southeast.

About 60 energy engineers, facilities managers and contracting officials from 26 DOD installations, hundreds of federal civil agency locations and the five Southern operating companies are expected to attend the training.

### Online degrees

A University Alliance representative is in the main hallway of Sablich Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Available information includes bachelor’s and master’s degrees and professional certificates in computer science, criminal justice, business, nursing, health care management and accounting.

All degree and certificate programs are online.

For more information, go to <http://www.universityalliance.com> or call 1-888-622-7344.

### AAHC scholarships

Application packages for African-American Heritage Committee scholarships are available at Mississippi Gulf Coast high school guidance counselor offices, the family support center, coast churches or by calling 377-2220.

The application deadline is May 6.

For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

### Club scholarships

Air Force club scholarships totaling \$25,000 are available to current club members and their family members who’ve been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall 2004 term as a part- or full-time student.

Deadline to apply is July 15.

Requirements and application forms are available at the Keesler Club or at <http://www.p.afsv.af.mi/Clubs/Scholarship.htm>.

### CCAF online

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, to create MyAFVEC accounts to access online customer service tools.

With the tools, people can request Community College of the Air Force transcripts, track receipt of civilian transcripts, view CCAF degree progress reports and check if a course counts toward a CCAF degree.

### Scholarship network

The Airmen Memorial Foundation offers a free automated library of financial aid through the family support center.

For more information, call Donna Huffman, 377-2179.

### LOAC training

All military personnel are required to satisfactorily complete Law of Armed Conflict training every 15 months.

LOAC training is available online at <http://development/81trss/ancillary/training.htm>, and click on the flash or text versions of the training. The system will ask for the member’s

first and last names, rank, organization and office symbol.

After reviewing the material, members take a 10-question quiz. A score of 70 is required. After successfully completing the training, print a dated certificate. Members should keep a copy of this certificate for their records and give a copy to their unit deployment managers who notify the legal office.

### Civilian tuition aid

College tuition assistance is available for permanent civil service employees assigned to Keesler.

Courses must be mission (job) related and taken through regionally-accredited colleges or universities.

For more information, call or visit the education office, 377-2323, Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Education briefings

The education office newcomers briefing is 2 p.m. and commissioning briefing 9 a.m. the first working Friday of the month in Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call Pamela Lee, 377-7059.

### Enlisted-to-AFIT

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Institute of Technology offers noncommissioned officers a chance to earn an advanced science, engineering or management degree.

These on-site AFIT programs are available at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/> or e-mail [robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil).

### Online training

The Keesler Web site offers training on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, mobility legal requirements, heat stress, fraternization and the Law of Armed Conflict.

### Spouse scholarships

Thirty \$1,000 scholarships are available to Air Force spouses through the Aerospace Education Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded in March.

Applications are accepted through Jan. 30.

For applications, visit the

education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Troops to Teachers

For general information on the Troops to Teachers program, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on the Mississippi Troops to Teachers program, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

### Bypass testing

Up to 30 hours of college bypass testing credit can be used to complete a 64-hour Community College of the Air Force degree.

CCAF credits may also be applied toward bachelor’s degrees.

For more information, call 377-0090.

### Buddy care training

Self-aid and buddy care instructor training is 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the 403rd Aeromedical Staging Squadron training room. The building is opposite the Sablich Center.

Advance scheduling is required and may be arranged by calling Tech. Sgt. Charles Bateman, the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron’s noncommissioned officer-in-charge of medical readiness training, 377-6456, or by e-mail at [charles.bateman@keesler.af.mil](mailto:charles.bateman@keesler.af.mil).

### USM online

The University of Southern Mississippi offers online courses for academic credit.

Go to <http://www.usm.edu> for offerings or for more information, call 374-8348.

### Work study

Part-time employment is available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs individuals enrolled in college or vocational programs on at least 75 percent status.

For more information or applications, call Pam Lee, 377-7059, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

### Fellowships

The White House Fellowship Program is open to all U.S. citizens except federal employees.

The program provides an

opportunity to experience first-hand the process of governing the nation.

Annually, 11 to 19 people are selected to work full-time for one year as special assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or the executive office of the president.

For application procedures and more information, visit the military personnel flight in Sablich Center.

### Counseling cut

Due to staff vacancies, the education office no longer provides walk-in counseling during area college registration.

To make appointments, call 377-2323 or 2171.

### PME, ACSC testing

Individuals enrolled in professional military education or Air Command and Staff College who anticipate needing to test while deployed should contact the education office.

For more information call Pam Lee, 377-7059, or visit <http://www.va.gov>.

### GI Bill benefits

Montgomery GI Bill benefits may be used in conjunction with tuition assistance.

Tuition assistance covers 100 percent of tuition and fees. People may use their MGIB to cover costs over that.

For more information, call the education office, 377-7059.

### Villanova program

The Project Management Institute project management professional certification is available online through Villanova University.

People paying with tuition assistance receive a 15 percent discount of the listed price.

For more information and course descriptions, go to <http://www.VillanovaU.com>.

## CORRECTION

Airman 1st Class Westly Hess, a recent graduate of the electronic principles course, was a student in the 332nd Training Squadron. The wrong unit was mentioned in the March 4 issue of the Keesler News.

## NEWS AND FEATURES

# Clower claims AETC honor

## A-76 expert spotlighted for leadership

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

For the third time in her 41-year civil service career, Linda Clower has received Air Education and Training Command's Manpower and Organization Award for Professional Excellence in the senior civilian category.

She also won the award in 1985 and 1992.

Ms. Clower, who now represents the command in Air Force competition, is chief of Keesler's competitive sourcing office. Her staff directs the ongoing A-76 study that is reviewing more than 700 support positions to determine if a government organization or a contractor can accomplish the work more efficiently and economically.

"She functions in a position originally authorized for a colonel and has earned the trust of wing, group and squadron commanders," said Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson, 81st Training Wing commander, in nominating Ms. Clower for the 2003 honor. "She's highly respected for her steadfast leadership through a year of turmoil in the A-76 program."

— General Peterson



Ms. Clower

"She's highly respected for her steadfast leadership through a year of turmoil in the A-76 program."

but two years of her federal career at Keesler, was cited for her broad knowledge of the A-76 process.

She designed and produced the first fully operational A-76 technical library in AETC to provide potential bidders with hundreds of documents, maps, plans and other documents. She was also responsible for designing and managing the wing's A-76 Web page.

Ms. Clower's idea to use a standard format to request waivers and policies and directives for A-76 studies, which standardized information for more efficient and cost-effective action, was adopted for Air Force-wide use. She also staffed and resolved hundreds of requests for information with an average turnaround time of seven days, designing a comprehensive tracking database that was submitted as a "best practice" for the 81st Training Wing's recent Operational Readiness Inspection.

She conducted monthly town hall meetings to keep Keesler people informed about A-76 progress and coordinated several conferences for Air Staff and AETC competitive sourcing officials, as well as potential contractors.

## Nominees sought for volunteer awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

March 29 is the deadline for nominations for three awards for outstanding volunteers:

**Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award** recognizes civilian employees, family members, and military and federal retirees who've performed volunteer work within the base or surrounding community of a sustained, direct and consequential nature. It recognizes long-term achievement, not a single act, and can only be received once. The one-page nomination should be direct, fact-filled and results-oriented, emphasizing leadership and management, scope of responsibility, innovative and creative ideas, community involvement, initiative and reliability. E-mail nominations to jackie.pope@keesler.af.mil.

**National Military Family Association Very Important Patriot Awards** recognizes

active-duty, reserve and retired members of the armed forces and their family members who've made outstanding volunteer contribution to improving the quality of life in their military and civilian communities. For application package, e-mail jackie.pope@keesler.af.mil.

**City of Biloxi Volunteer Awards** are given to individuals, organizations and businesses for leadership, service and commitment demonstrated by their volunteer efforts. Nomination forms, which must be submitted with a hard-copy photo of the individual or group, are submitted to the family support center. For applications or more information, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590, or e-mail jackie.pope@keesler.af.mil.

VEA and VIP nominees are recognized at the base's annual volunteer recognition ceremony, 3 p.m. April 20 at the Keesler Club. Biloxi honors its volunteers at 5:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Biloxi Community Center.

## IN THE NEWS

### Scope Eagle next week

Keesler hosts Scope Eagle, the Air Force's capstone professional development course for senior leaders in the communications and information career field, Monday through March 19.

### AFAF breakfast time changes

The time for the 31st annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign breakfast has been changed to 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Keesler Club.

The campaign, which runs Monday through April 25, benefits the Air Force Aid Society and three other charities for active-duty personnel, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and their families.

For a list of project officers and unit representatives, see page 27.

### Women's History Month luncheon

The Women's History Month luncheon is 11:30 a.m. March 19 at the Keesler Club.

Connie Rocko of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors is guest speaker for the event sponsored by the company grade officers council.

Ticket prices for the Mediterranean buffet are \$11.14 for club members and \$13.14 for nonmembers.

For tickets, contact unit ticket representatives or Capt. Janis Mack, 377-9208; Master Sgt. Stephanie Sanders-Kuhlman, 377-8611; Staff Sgt. Isabel Torres, 377-0066, or Tech. Sgt. LouAnn Gilliland, 377-6005.

### Deployed medics in 'Airman'

Four Keesler medics are highlighted in the March issue of Airman magazine for their work in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

They are Maj. (Dr.) Ky Kobayashi and Capt. Rob Smith, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and Capt. (Dr.) Julie Mennino and Staff Sgt. Anthony Ard, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

### Gas survey, Pinehaven outage

During March, a contractor wearing an orange vest is surveying gas lines on base and in military housing areas.

Tuesday, repairs to a gas line in Pinehaven housing area requires an outage for residents of A, B, C and South 6th streets.

For more information, call 377-4390.

### One-day parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed March 19 for drill evaluations, barring inclement weather. Alternate parking is available on the northwest side of the lot adjacent to the Airmen Leadership School and First Term Airmen Center.

### Retiree Appreciation Day

Keesler's annual Retiree Appreciation Day is April 16.

For more information, call 377-7309 or e-mail rao@keesler.af.mil.

### Air show in April

Keesler's 2004 air show and open house is 9 a.m. April 24. The air show is free and open to the public.

# Air Force Portal: Keesler registers this month

**AETC News Service and Keesler News staff**  
Keesler registers for the Air Force Portal March 22-26.

Air Force leaders, in concert with milestones established for standing up Portal operations, have urged everyone to establish a Portal account by the end of April.

In a December memo, Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John Jumper wrote, “The Air Force Portal will be the airman’s interface to all services and information needed to perform his or her job.”

Air Force members can create a Portal account by logging on to <https://www.my.af.mil> and clicking on the self-registration link. The registra-

tion process is self-guided.

People in Air Education and Training Command get local information through communications channels explaining the registration schedule and process they should follow, said officials with the AETC Directorate of Communications and Information at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The phased approach allows people across the command to register without overtaxing the system, officials said.

Portal delivers complete integration of the IT systems and applications used throughout the Air Force, officials said. It provides an exponential leap in the way Air Force people gather, store, process and deliver information and

operate systems critical to mission accomplishment.

The system was developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result of such an integration is that systems such as the Virtual Military Personnel Flight or functional area applications such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system would all be accessible from one site, officials said.

One of the primary advantages of Portal is single user login. Once users log in, Portal allows them to access many applications, such as the vMPF, assignment management system and other Web-based programs without having to provide a username and password again to access the applications.

A recent change to Portal allows users to access the system from any Internet-connected computer at home, at work or on the road, officials said.

In addition to providing access to existing Air Force applications, Portal provides functionality of its own. Portal includes a “white pages” link that lists everybody in the Air Force. It includes personalization features that let users set up screens for their own needs.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kurt Walters, 377-5428, or Airman 1st Class Anthony Robinson, 377-6201.

Second Lt. Lisa Santorelli, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

## Peterson,

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homecoming for the Biloxi High School and University of Southern Mississippi graduate. He also studied communications at Keesler in 1974 and 1981.

General Lord currently holds the position at ACC headquarters occupied by General Peterson from June 2000 to May 2002.

The new 81st TRW commander is a graduate of the Air Force Academy. He was a communications-electronics student at Keesler in 1977-78.

Since 1978, General Lord has also served at Hancock Field and Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; Royal Air Force Greenham Common, England; Peterson AFB, Colo.; White House Communications Agency, Washington, D.C.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and Scott AFB, Ill.

## Inspection,

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“This is great,” said Brig. Gen. Michael Peterson, 81st TRW commander, “and just what I expected.”

The AETC IG Team also designated 86 individuals as “superior performers” during the ORI:

**81st TRW staff** — Senior Master Sgt. James Schmitt, Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon, Tech. Sgts. Shirley Bush and Michelle Seals, Harold Baronich Jr., John Smith, Wanda Smith and Sylvia Struble.

**81st Comptroller Flight** — Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Kirtley.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Master Sgts. Keith Fraleigh and John Youngman, James Cooks and Woodrow Wilson Jr.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Master Sgts. David Ransom and David Rowe, Tech. Sgt. Andre Florence, Staff Sgt. Terrill Raymond, Airman Rebecca Hardee and Edward Wood.

**333rd TRS** — Tech. Sgt. John Ledet and Walter Simmons.

**334th TRS** — Capt. Alvie Sumabag, Tech. Sgt. Stan Leigh, Staff Sgts. Leigh Bender and Robyn Lynch, Senior Airman Manuel Fernandez and Don Mauser.

**335th TRS** — Capt. Sarah Bloodworth, 2nd Lt. Michael Chandler, Masters Sgts. Jef-

frey Cartier and Kristin Diercks, Staff Sgt. Gregory Strong and Vicki Simants.

**336th TRS** — Capt. Glynn Richards, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Gumprecht and Master Sgts. Ben Arguilla and Paul Godfrey.

**338th TRS** — Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Poppendieck, Tech. Sgts. William Driegen and Crystal Gaugler, Johnny Adkins, James Franks, Susan Jester and John McMichael.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Robert Castine, Senior Airman Tiffany Kennedy, Mauretta Carter, Ceola Cross, Pam Lee, Shelia Noel and Jackie Pope.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — 1st Lt. Anthony Pedroni, Master Sgt. Andrew Simmonds, Tech. Sgts. David Gordon and Christopher Sellman, Staff Sgts. Skyler Cook and Andrew Charles, Senior Airman William Fort, Airmen 1st Class Melissa Herman and Brandon Howland, Roger Buenzow and Peggy Holland.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — 1st Lt. Xavier Rivera, Master Sgt. Steven Jones-Johnson and Airmen 1st Class Eric Rackard and Charles Summers.

**81st Services Division** — 2nd Lt. Matthew Ochoa, Staff Sgt. Belinda Hall, Ginny Co-

Picnic hours today:  
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ley, Tonie Day, Calvin Ishee, Carmen Steed and Larry Walley.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Master Sgt. John Herrington, Tech. Sgts. Michelle Buono and John Price, Staff Sgt. Steven McCaslin and Senior Airman Bryan Adomanis.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — 1st Lt. Patrick Doran.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Kevin Kern and Senior Airman Dineshea Bendolph.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Master Sgt. Donald Young.

**81st Medical Group** — Maj. Melvin Richards, Tech. Sgt. Norwood Jamison, Staff Sgt. Amy Sharpe and Jerry Bryan.

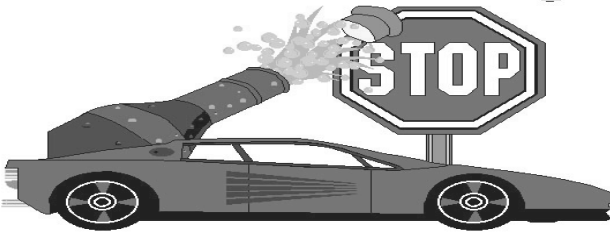
A picnic to celebrate Keesler’s performance in its first ORI since 2001 is 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in marina park. Civilian clothes are authorized for all who attend.

The picnic includes free food until 3 p.m., free soft drinks, free pontoon boat rides on the Back Bay of Biloxi, giveaways, live entertainment and music by a disk jockey.

Sponsors include Planet Beach, Sprint, BancorpSouth, Abita Springs Water and Geico.

Keeping a daily record of what you eat is a powerful weight management strategy for decreasing calories and losing weight. It can provide insight into your eating habits and identify areas for change.

## Airmen Against Drunk Driving



**Free Ride Home**  
**Thursday 10p.m.-Sunday 12a.m.**  
**547-1534**



## PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

### Civilian personnel system changes

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The National Defense Authorization Act includes these changes in the Department of Defense's civilian personnel system:

**Modification of the overtime hourly pay cap** — the hourly overtime pay cap for certain federal employees who aren't covered by the overtime pay provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act is modified. For FLSA-exempt employees entitled to receive overtime pay, the hourly rate of overtime pay is either the greater of 1 1/2 times the minimum hourly rate of basic pay for General Schedule-10 (including any applicable special salary rate, locality rate of pay, or special pay adjustment for law enforcement officers) or the employee's own hourly rate of basic pay (including any applicable special salary rate, locality rate of pay, or special pay adjustment for law enforcement officers). The Office of Personnel Management is amending its regulations to reflect this new provision in the near future. The changes became effective Nov. 24.

**Military leave for mobilized federal civilian employees** — employees who perform full-time military service, as a result of a call or order to active duty in support of a contingency operation, are entitled to 22 days of military leave each calendar year. An employee is entitled to the greater of his civilian or military pay, not both. However, an employee may choose to take annual leave instead of military leave in order to retain both civilian and military pay. The amendment applies to military service performed on or after Nov. 24.

**Senior executive service pay** — a new performance-based pay system is established for members of the senior executive service, ends locality-based comparability payments for senior executives, and changes the threshold for imposing post-employment restrictions on certain senior executives. A memorandum on the new SES pay system is available at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2003/2003-19>.

For more information, contact local civilian personnel flights.

### New WAPS catalog

The most current weighted airman promotion system catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2004 promotion tests, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

Test administration dates for the 2004 cycles are:

**Technical and master sergeant** — through March 31.

**Staff sergeant** — May 1-31.

### Sexual harassmtent hotline

The Air Force wants military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service's sexual harassmtent hotline.

AFPC operates the hotline to receive sexual harassmtent and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949 or commercial 1-210-565-2949.

An AFPC call center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassmtent or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor.

Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages for emergencies.

For assistance at Keesler, military members call 377-2759 and civilian employees call 377-2975.

# Air Force responds to recent rise in suicide rate

By G.W. Pomeroy

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — After 11 active-duty suicides since Jan. 1 and 14 during the final quarter of 2003, Air Force senior leaders are asking commanders and leaders across the service to assess and re-energize suicide prevention efforts at all levels.

The 2003 calendar-year suicide rate of 10.5 per 100,000 people was the lowest of all the military services and one-half the rate of a comparable civilian population of males between the ages of 20 and 50.

As of Feb. 24, the service’s suicide rate was 18.1.

In a letter sent to all major commands, the Air Force’s acting assistant vice chief of staff urges all airmen to continue pitching in to reduce the number of suicides.

“Suicide is not stopped by medical personnel in emergency rooms; it is stopped by addressing quality-of-life issues in the unit on a daily basis,” Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III wrote in the letter.

“The major components of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program are active leadership involvement, an emphasis on community involvement and a

focus on prevention throughout the life of airmen and their families, not just when they are suicidal,” General Brown wrote. “Pay special attention to the quality of your suicide-prevention briefings.”

The Air Force requires active-duty and civilian personnel to attend suicide-prevention briefings once during the 15-month air and space expeditionary force cycle.

In light of the recent suicides — none of which occurred during operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom — General Brown urged commanders to “review how well we continue to implement the 11 initiatives that serve as the foundation of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program.”

The 11 initiatives are outlined in Air Force Pamphlet 44-160, “Air Force Suicide Prevention Program: Description of Program Initiatives and Outcomes.”

The 11 initiatives are: build community awareness, leadership involvement, investigative interview policy, professional military education, epidemiological database, delivery of community preventive services, community education and training, critical incident stress management, integrated delivery system, limited patient-psychotherapist privilege and unit risk-factor assessment.

Air Force leaders take a community approach in suicide prevention, encouraging every airman to take responsibility in reducing the number of suicides.

A key element of the program is to make a steady pipeline of suicide-prevention tools available for Air Force people at all levels.

So far in 2004, the Air Force Medical Service has issued the 2004 Leader’s Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress, which is geared to help commanders, first sergeants and other leaders recognize when their people are distressed and learn how to respond appropriately. It helps commanders link their people to resources and get them help as soon as possible.

The guide presents information on 35 distressing situations, checklists detailing potential behaviors or signs reflective of a person’s reaction to the distressing event, and responses or resources leaders may want to use in responding to a person’s needs. The guide was distributed on CD-ROM to every squadron commander and first sergeant in the Air Force.

The guide can be viewed on the dot-mil-restricted Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Web site, <https://www.afms.mil/afspp>.

## More tools

Other suicide-prevention tools include:

**The Air Force Guide** for Managing Suicidal Behavior: Strategies, Resources and Tools, an 88-page clinical guide designed to assist mental-health professionals in assessing and managing high-risk behavior.

**The Air Force Suicide** Prevention Web site, which is geared toward improving access to suicide prevention information and materials.

**The 2003 Community** Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing that includes slides and video.

**The 2003 Leadership** Suicide Prevention Briefing, a new multimedia briefing involving slides and video. This is geared toward wing, group and squadron commanders.

Service members' Civil Relief Act

New law strengthens, clarifies rights, protections for military

By Capt. Reshawna Banks

Keesler Staff Judge Advocate Office

Last December, President George Bush signed the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act into law.

The SCRA, a comprehensive restatement of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, clarifies and strengthens the rights and protections provided to military members.

The SCRA suspends certain financial obligations and liabilities related to rent, installment contracts and leases, civil legal proceedings, life insurance and taxes.

Significant changes are:

**Automatic stay of proceedings** — provides for an automatic, non-discretionary, 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application of the military member. The application doesn't constitute an appearance. To obtain the automatic stay, a military member must demonstrate there's a material affect and provide the court with a date when he'll be available.

The military member must also submit a letter from his commander stating that duty prevents the member from appearing in court and that military leave isn't authorized. Additional stays are permitted if these requirements are met, but are at the court's discretion. Previously, all stays were discretionary with the courts.

**Six percent interest cap** — for obligations and liabilities of military members incurred before military service results in a reduction of monthly payments. The new language clarifies that the 6 percent cap is mandatory and that any excess interest amounts are forgiven. This is consistent with the SCRA's objective of reducing monthly obligations for mobilized National Guard or Reserve members who may have a reduced income.

**Protection against eviction** — a military member who enters a lease for \$2,400 or less

The SCRA suspends certain financial obligations and liabilities related to rent, installment contracts and leases, civil legal proceedings, life insurance and taxes.

Need advice?

The legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, provides assistance on a walk-in basis, 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

a month can't be evicted without a court order. Upon application for an eviction order by a landlord, the court shall, if a request is made by or on behalf of a military member whose ability to pay the agreed rent is materially affected by military service, stay the proceedings for 90 days unless the court decides a longer or shorter period of time is necessary. Previously, the maximum rent for eviction protection was \$1,200 a month.

**Right to terminate residential leases** — an active-duty military member who receives permanent change of station orders or who's being deployed for at least 90 days may terminate a housing lease with 30 days written notice. Previously, a military member could be obligated to pay rent for housing he's unable to occupy because of a government-required move.

**Right to terminate automobile leases** — an active-duty military member who's received PCS orders or who's being deployed for at least 180 days may terminate an automobile lease if he provides written notice of termination to the lessee and returns the vehicle within 15 days of the written notice. Previously,

there was no right to terminate automobile leases.

**Installment contract protection** — motor vehicles fall under the umbrella of installment contract protections. If a military member falls behind on car payments, the lessor must obtain a court order before repossessing the car. Previously, a court order wasn't required.

**Life insurance** — level of coverage for protection against the lapse of policies when an individual enters military service or deploys is increased from \$10,000 to \$250,000 or the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance maximum, whichever is greater.

**Residence for tax purposes** — a tax jurisdiction may not use the military compensation of a non-resident military member to increase the tax liability imposed on other income earned by the non-resident military member or spouse subject to tax by the jurisdiction. Previously, multiple jurisdictions attempted to tax military pay.

**Income tax protection** — collection of income tax on the income of a military member falling due before or during military service is deferred up to 180 days after termination of or release from military service if his ability to pay the tax is materially affected by that service. Interest or penalty won't accrue for the period of deferment. The military member must notify the Internal Revenue Service and/or the state tax authority that he's unable to pay the income tax as a result of military service.

# Supply unit works up sweat in squadron fitness program

By 2nd Lt. Lisa Santorelli

Keesler News staff

Last August, the 81st Supply Squadron set out to ensure all its military members could pass the new fitness test, implementing mandatory physical training three times a week.

“We have a total of 85 military doing it,” said Master Sgt. Roderick McKinley, 81st SUPS first sergeant. “We all participate, and even those with profiles participate in doing what they can. If they are unable to participate, they help in setting up exercise equipment.”

The squadron is split into three groups, according to Master Sgt. Jeffrey Ware, fuel superintendent.

“We have the red, white and blue teams,” he said. “We alternate locations of PT, and once or twice a month the whole squadron comes together.”

Sergeant McKinley said the normal exercises include regular calisthenics such as pushups and situps.

Tech. Sgt. Darren Hunley, noncommissioned officer in charge of the equipment management element, said the squadron’s fitness program has helped him a lot since last summer.

“I’m running a lot better than before,” he said. “I think this program has taken a lot of adverse programs



Photo by Kemberly Groue  
Staff Sgts. Tara White, left, and Tonya Hughes, and Senior Airman Cheloyne Moore execute pushups during circuit training for the squadron’s physical training.

and put them into a positive light. It’s turned it into a win-win situation.”

Master Sgt. Jay Gilliss, NCOIC of quality assurance, said the program has benefited him in several ways.

“I’ve lost 15 pounds and 1 1/2 inches off my waist since August,” he said. “I’ve also taken more than two minutes off my run time.”

Staff Sgt. Tonya Hughes, NCOIC of mission capabilities, said it’s also helped the squadron as a whole.

“It’s really pushed us

along,” she said. “More than half of the squadron is ready for the PT test. It’s great that it’s mandatory, because it sets aside time so people can go to the gym. They have to take the time to go now.”

Airman Kim Thomas, supply apprentice, said it fosters teamwork as well.

“It’s better to come as a squadron, because you have better teamwork,” she said. “People are there to motivate you while you’re out running. It’s definitely a positive thing.”

Computer virus prevention  
depends on you.

## Unit recycling competition precedes Earth-Arbor Day

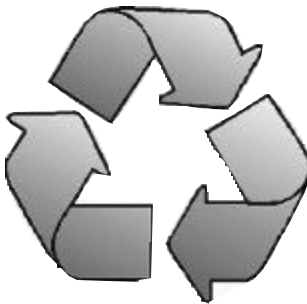
By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A month-long recycling competition paves the way for Keesler's Earth-Arbor Day celebration April 22.

Monday through April 15, squadrons bring white paper, aluminum cans, clear plastic, newspapers and cardboard to the recycling center to be weighed and recorded. Trophies and prizes are presented to the squadron that turns in the most pounds of recyclable materials.

A 5-kilometer run kicks off Earth-Arbor Day, 7 a.m. April



22 at Blake Fitness Center. Categories are men under 30 and over 30, women under 30 and over 30, and walkers of all ages and genders.

Environmental and ecological exhibitors, contests and activities are on the schedule, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at marina park. Participants can earn prizes by guessing the weight of a container filled with recyclable materials. Highlight of the program is a tree planting and awards ceremony from noon to 1 p.m.

During the day, a household hazardous waste turn-in takes place at the recycling center.

For more information, call George Daniel, 377-5823, or e-mail [george.daniel@keesler.af.mil](mailto:george.daniel@keesler.af.mil).

## Keep sweaters handy Shift from heating to cooling takes place

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

It's "nightmare time" for the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron — one of the two annual periods when facilities are switched back and forth between heating and cooling.

Although the process for switching buildings over from heating to cooling has already begun, south Mississippi's volatile temperatures make maintaining adequate climate control an ongoing challenge.

Master Sgt. Dennis Fuelle, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 81st CES heating, ventilation, air condition and refrigeration shop, explained that the impact to facility occupants depends on the type of system installed in each facility.

"Many of our buildings have newer four-pipe systems that can provide heating and cooling year-round," he said. "But most of the older facilities, including the majority of the dormitories and billeting, have two-pipe systems that can only cool or heat at any one time and must be manually switched."

The older two-pipe systems usually take about eight days to shift from heating to cooling, while it takes three days



### Cooling challenge

Facilities with the older two-pipe heating and cooling systems include Buildings 0823, 2101, 2816, 2902, 3101, 3501, 3709, 3821, 3823, 7202, 7402 and 7502, and dormitories in the 20, 48, 49 and 50 blocks.

to convert from cooling to heating.

"The waiting time is required because temperature changes can result in immediate system failure, with damage to compressors, tube ruptures and loss of refrigerant gases," Sergeant Fuelle com-

mented. "Replacing refrigerant isn't only an expensive proposition, but an environmental concern as well."

As of last week, all of the heating for the two-pipe systems was turned off, and the cooling turn-on process begins next week, according to Maj. Steven Loken, 81st CES operations flight chief.

"It will still be a few weeks before all the cooling systems are functional, assuming we don't run into equipment problems, which we always do because the cooling systems have been off since December," the major noted.

The decision to terminate cooling and implement heating in older buildings has a degree of history and guesswork built into the process. As a result, the change to the cooling mode is made as late as possible to minimize inconvenience.

"Trying to make system switches during our local two- to four-day temperature changes isn't possible or practical," Sergeant Fuelle pointed out. "Because cooling won't be available for some facilities, some facilities might get a little chilly if we do get into a period with below-average temperatures."



# Exercise! Exercise! Exercise!



Two firemen, Airman 1st Class Frank Koger, left, and Sergeant Berry, 81st CES, transport Airman Basic Keith Luke, 338th TRS, to the triage area for care to his injuries.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Parker, left, and Airman 1st Class Michael Kehoe, 81st CES, make their way to the triage area with Airman 1st Class Jeremy McCann, 338th TRS, for medical treatment.



Staff Sgt. Jason Berry, left, and Senior Airman Michael Cullen, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, transport Airman 1st Class Quinton Gordon, 338th TRS, out of the damaged building during the attack at the marina. In the major accident response exercise, an explosive-laden boat was driven into the Keesler marina and detonated. Damage included an electrical fire, windows blown out and the southwest corner of the building partially collapsed. In all, two people died and 17 were injured during the simulated attack, which occurred during an official military function. One of the "fatalities" was a group commander.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas briefs Staff Sgt. Sharmaine Lomax, 81st Mission Support Squadron, on the various programs the family support center offers. Sergeants Thomas and Lomax took part in the deployment exercise March 5.



Airman 1st Class Aaron Martini, 81st CES, checks the suction on his gas mask during the M-16 training part of the deployment exercise.



Photo by Maj. Lynn Medley

Major Schaefer, Sergeant Giese and Captain Bond care for a CCATT patient aboard a C-141 Starlifter during a mission taking the patient from Baghdad to Landstuhl Medical Center via Ramstein AB. The Keesler team flew a total of 15 CCATT missions caring for 21 patients during their four-month deployment.

# Coalition forces receive sky-high emergency care from Keesler medical team

By Steve Pivnick

**81st Medical Group Public Affairs**  
It's pronounced "C-Cat," but has nothing to do with felines. Members of the 81st Medical Group's CCATT — Critical Care Air Transport Teams — have been providing life-saving care to wounded coalition forces and others during deployments to dangerous parts of the world. The three-person teams consist of a physician, critical-care nurse and respiratory technician. Maj. (Dr.) Stephanie Schaefer, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; critical-care nurse Capt. Cynthia Bond, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron; and respiratory technician Tech. Sgt. Travis Giese, 81st MDOS, were deployed to the Iraq theater from July 11-Nov. 11, the second deployment for all three since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

According to Major Schae-

fer, the team was based in Qatar and transported critically-ill patients out of several bases in Iraq. "The team has a great working relationship," she said. "This is very important because we're together all the time throughout the deployment. "We'd fly round-robin missions, mainly in C-130s, where we'd pick patients up from field hospitals and take them to higher echelons of care," the doctor explained. "Occasionally we'd preposition at different places in Iraq, primarily in Baghdad, and fly patients to Germany (Landstuhl Regional Army Hospital via Ramstein Air Base) in C-141s or C-17s." The Keesler team flew a total of 15 CCATT missions caring for 21 patients. Probably the most memorable events during their stay involved caring for victims of the Aug. 22 bombing of the

United Nations building and the Nov. 2 U.S. Army Chinook helicopter crash. "After the U.N. bombing, we transported one CCATT patient, an American," the major said. "Everyone else on the plane was a less critical air evac patient. We landed at Ramstein and took the patients to Landstuhl via (ambulance) bus. Usually when we went to Germany, we'd spend at most 24 hours there and then turn around. We were desperately needed in the (area of responsibility). "We were in Iraq when the Chinook went down," Major Schaefer said. "We cared for the patients before they were air-evacuated out. The Keesler CCATT, along with a second onboard CCATT team, treated four critically-ill patients air evacuated to Germany from Baghdad. They

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were mostly blast injuries requiring orthopedic specialists.

“Many of our other transports involved amputees,” Major Schaefer remembered. “Their wounds affected us the most emotionally. They were young patients, now with permanent disabilities. Most had encountered improvised explosive devices. They were usually in their vehicles with flack vests on — that’s why they would lose arms or legs.

“On some occasions, we transported them shortly after the amputation surgery, so we’d have to explain some of what happened to them. They were young and never expected they would be the one to lose a limb. I think some would have preferred death; they expect to die but don’t think of suffering a long-lasting disability.

### Boundless bravery

“All the soldiers we transported were definitely brave,” she continued. “Many were more concerned about their buddies than their own situation. I think if they had to do it again, they would. They felt strongly for what they were fighting for. Half the patients we encountered were active duty and half reserve or guard.”

Keesler’s team was one of seven CCATTs in their AOR, which included Kuwait, Qatar and Baghdad.

### Hurry up and wait

“We sat around a lot,” the major recalled. “But we sometimes would have 15 minutes notice to report to an aircraft with our equipment and personal survival gear, which weighed about 400 pounds. Thankfully, the equipment was prepositioned there. We would rotate equipment from the team we replaced. In addition to carrying our equipment, we also helped the air evac teams load their equipment onto the aircraft.”

A CCATT always flies with an air evac team. In addition to one or more CCATT patients, there were frequently multiple less critical air evac patients aboard the aircraft as well. Air evac-

“Many of our other transports involved amputees. Their wounds affected us the most emotionally ... They were usually in their vehicles with flack vests on — that’s why they would lose arms or legs.”

— Major Schaefer

uation teams fly less severely-injured patients, but a CCATT is called to care for the severe cases. Although they weren’t as critical at the time of air transport, air evac patients could still have suffered severe injuries which had been stabilized at field hospitals prior to their flight.

Sometimes there were so many patients on the aircraft team members had to sit on the floor and strap themselves to the litters during takeoff and landing.

CCATTs fly on opportune aircraft, not necessarily U.S. owned and operated. They also flew with the Australians who had C-130s.

### Familiar jobs

Major Schaefer pointed out treating critically-ill patients is routine for the CCATT nurses and respiratory technicians, since it’s actually their regular job at Keesler Medical Center where they provide critical care on daily basis.

However, CCATT physicians may not work critical care on a regular basis. For example, the major is an internal medicine clinician.

To qualify for a CCATT, medics undergo special training at Brooks City-Base in San Antonio, then attend a trauma course annually to keep their skills up to date.

“Qatar was nice — it was considered a ‘Club Med,’” Major Schaefer said. “Although we lived in tents, we had nice amenities. The extreme heat and humidity were the worst aspect of living in Qatar. The temperature could be 120 degrees, but on the tarmac where we were loading patients and equipment, it could get up to 150 degrees.”

Team members received many care packages from people at Keesler Medical Center

and other organizations.

“Since we had nice facilities, we’d repack the care packages and send them forward to more austere locations,” the major noted. “Captain Bond repacked and sent over 50 packages herself.”

### Supplies for schools

Whenever team members flew to Germany, they assembled care packages for Maj. Gregg Softy of Armor Squadron S-3 of the 1-1 Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Division in Baghdad, who collected items for Iraqi schools.

“We’ve sent additional packages since returning,” Major Schaefer commented. “The soldiers have base exchanges with ‘junk food,’ but when we sent them things they could bring to the community, it was a great morale booster for them.”

The major said being separated from loved ones was the hardest part of the deployment.

“You not only miss them, but also worry that something would happen and you wouldn’t be able to come home to them,” she recalled.

### Staying in touch

“The Internet is a savior for morale and provides reassurance to families back home,” Major Schaefer said. “We had Internet access every day, all day. During the Vietnam War, it could take weeks, maybe months, for letters to reach families. Now when you return from a mission, you can send an e-mail and let your family know you’re OK.”

A North Dakota native, the major has spent her seven years in the Air Force at Keesler.

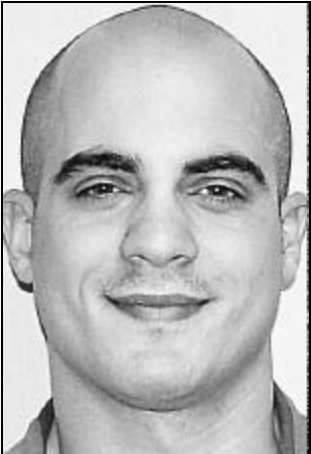
Fluent in Spanish, Major Schaefer is being reassigned to Chile where she’ll work as an exchange officer with the Chilean Air Force to help them with their CCATT program.

# Two medical technicians try their voices at ‘Tops’

By Steve Pivnick  
81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Two 81st Medical Group members are off to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to audition for the upcoming Tops in Blue tour. Senior Airman Tim Lisenby, 81st Medical Support Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Lauren Mariglia, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, learned of their selection Feb. 11. They compete in the 2004 Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest Sunday through March 23. Winners become the cast of the new Air Force Tops in Blue show.

Airman Mariglia is close to realizing a dream. The 19-year-old vocalist has been singing since age 5. The medical records clerk, enlisted in the Air Force with a goal to be in Tops in Blue. “I was told I couldn’t audition until I had a year in service,” she said. “I just went over a year in July.” She asked a friend to make a video of her performing God Bless America while on leave back home in Moreno Valley, Calif. She sent the video to the Air Force Services Agency in early February and was called Feb. 11, the day after the submission deadline. “They told me I’d have a live band to back me up,” she said. Airman Mariglia had one word to express her reaction — “Awesome! This has been my goal, my dream. I’m honored to have been selected.” She learned of Tops in Blue from her parents, both former active-duty Air Force members. In fact, they suggested she enlist. “I saw them (Tops in Blue)



Airman Lisenby

for the first time in October 2003 while I was deployed (for four months to Landstuhl Regional Army Hospital, Germany),” she said. “I was so excited. I told myself, ‘I need to be up there.’” She expects to learn whether her dream will come true by March 31. Airman Lisenby heard he “made the cut” while on temporary duty as a medical equipment repair technician. “I love to sing,” the 24-year-old said. “I’ve won a lot of local contests around here.” Airman Lisenby has been singing since age 7 when his mother placed him in the church choir. “When I’m TDY, I sing a lot,” he said. “It’s what I do for fun. I call around to find out who has karaoke.” In fact, he was in a karaoke contest with two former Tops in Blue singers while on his recent TDY at Moody AFB, Ga. “I beat them both and one was a five-time Tops in Blue performer,” he said. Airman Lisenby first learned about Tops in Blue



Airman Mariglia

from co-workers last year, but a month too late to audition. “My friends and co-workers talked me into trying out. I think it will be a great experience. Where else can you visit 20 countries in nine months? I’m trying to keep a positive attitude and remain open-minded,” he said. Airman Lisenby, who enlisted in the Air Force in July 2002, also comes from a military family. His father served in Army special operations. The Tops in Blue hopeful served in the Army National Guard as a “medic/tank driver” from 1998-2002. Six months of his Guard time was spent in the desert in Kuwait where he sang for relaxation. The Bennettsville, S.C., native said he’s been told that during the nine days of tryouts, everything is tightly scheduled, including eating and sleeping. Those who make the cast train for 45 days at Lackland before going on tour for nearly a year. All this leaves Airman Lisenby feeling “pretty stoked.”



# Chapels schedule Lenten services

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's Catholic and Protestant communities have scheduled Lenten observances, in addition to regular Sunday liturgies.

## Catholic

**Way of the Cross** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Triangle Chapel. Following service, soup fellowship Wednesday and March 24, penance service March 31, seder meal April 7.

**Ecumenical Easter workshop** — 3 p.m. March 27, Triangle Chapel Annex. Crafts, children's egg hunt and dinner.

**Holy Thursday Mass** — 6:30 p.m. April 8, Triangle Chapel, followed by vigil prayers until midnight.

**Good Friday service** — 7 p.m. April 9, Triangle Chapel.

**Easter vigil** — 7 p.m. April 11, Triangle Chapel.

For more information, call Robin Edgell, 377-4625.

## Protestant

**Cross walk** — 11:30 a.m. April 9, down Larcher Boulevard from Larcher Chapel.

**Easter sunrise service** — 6:15 a.m. April 11, marina park.

For more information, call 377-4631.



# Captain, Airman by day — mother, daughter by night

By Steve Pivnick

**81st Medical Group Public Affairs**

Mothers and daughters often develop close bonds. This is especially true for Capt. Laurie Ryder and her daughter, Airman 1st Class Heather Ross.

Captain Ryder, nurse manager of the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron's Women's Health Services Clinic, proudly watched Airman Ross graduate near the top of her class from the new Biloxi High School on June 9, 2003. Two days later, she was off to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to begin basic training.

Airman Ross is a student in the 335th Training Squadron's weather school.

**Time in service**

The captain has less than two years more time in service than her daughter. She was commissioned in January 2002 after working as a nurse in Everett, Wash., for 15 years. She was moved to become an Air Force member by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

"I remember 9/11 like it was yesterday," she said. "I was driving to work and heard the news on the radio that the first airplane had struck the World Trade Center. I was so upset I cried.

"That night I went home and told my husband I was thinking of joining the Air Force. He was very supportive.

**Signing up**

Captain Ryder was offered a commission right before Christmas, accepted an assignment to Keesler and was commissioned Jan. 5. She reported to commissioned officer training Feb. 11, graduated March 18 and reported to Keesler March 28.

Airman Ross said she decided to enlist in the Air Force because "I saw my mom do it, and I wanted to do it, too. I also enlisted for the education benefits and the



Photo by Steve Pivnick

**Airman Ross and Captain Ryder chat in a weather school classroom.**

reliable 'employment.'"

She signed up for the delayed-entry program right after her 17th birthday.

"I wanted to become a linguist (she studied both French and German in high school) and learn as many languages as possible," Airman Ross said.

She scored extremely well on the Defense Language Aptitude Battery, a 120. Unfortunately, there were no openings in the career field. Airman Ross was offered her choice of other career fields and selected weather.

Airman Ross graduated from basic training Aug. 1 and arrived at Keesler Aug. 4. She began her training Aug. 11 and is scheduled to graduate March 24.

**Getting together**

Mother and daughter get together when they can.

"I wash my clothes at home," Airman Ross said, adding that she even called on mom to sew her new stripes on her uniform.

Captain Ryder calls Airman Ross her best friend and delights in how her brief time in the Air Force has matured her.

"We got through the 'terrible teens' and the only thing

we really fought about was curfew," the captain said. "Now she has to adhere to the Air Force's curfew."

For her part, Airman Ross said, "I love being so close to mom. She is my best friend."

**Apart, but still close**

Completing tech school means the two will be separated. Fortunately, Airman Ross' first assignment is Barksdale AFB, La., which isn't far away.

"I had orders to Germany," she said, "but I'm swapping with a classmate and going to Barksdale."

She didn't want to go overseas so soon and knows she'll have the opportunity later.

There's another reason she wants to go to Barksdale. She plans to wed classmate Airman Zachary Bernard in a year or so, and he's going to Barksdale as well.

Airman Ross' plans for the future include completing a bachelor's degree and receiving a commission as an Air Force officer.

Captain Ryder has two other children: Stephen, 13, who lives with his father in Seattle, and Alexis, 5, who lives with her at Keesler.

## KEESLER NOTES

### Trash, treasure sale

A trash and treasure sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at the Keesler Community Center.

Rain date is March 20.

An 8x10 space may be rented for \$20. Double spaces may be requested. A limited number of tables are available for rent for \$5 each.

In addition to the sale, a variety of competitions are planned for all ages, including cookie and potato chip stacking, hula hoop, limbo and dance contests. Team challenges are an art contest, kick the balloon and trash can basketball games, model car races, human floats and a "mostest" contest.

Music is provided by a disk jockey.

To register, or for more information, call 377-3308.

### Combined seminars

Smooth Moves and Traveling Overseas seminars in Room 130, Sablich Center:

**1-4:30 p.m.** March 19, May 28, July 23, Sept. 17 and Nov. 12.

**9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** April 16, June 25, Aug. 20 and Oct. 20.

For more information, call 377-2179.

### Heart Link

The next quarterly Heart Link program is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 25 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

The free program aims to enhance the awareness of spouses about their importance to the Air Force team and expand their knowledge about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, support resources and other services.

For more information or to register, call the family support center, 377-2179.

### Technology expo

An information technology exposition is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 23 at the Keesler Community center.

For more Information, call 1-877-332-3976

### Junior Smooth Moves

Junior Smooth Moves programs are 6-7 p.m. March 25,

April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 18 at the youth activities center.

For more information, call 377-2179.

### Tax office open

The tax assistance office is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. working Fridays in Room 205-A, Sablich Center.

For appointments, call 377-4454.

### Use of Camp Keller

The 81st Security Forces Squadron conducts weapons training at Camp Keller in Woolmarket under agreements with the U.S. Forestry Service and Department of the Navy.

Firing of privately-owned weapons for other than official use is prohibited. Unauthorized entry to the property is considered trespassing.

For more information, call 377-3354.

### Blood drives

The blood donor center holds weekly blood drives.

To schedule mobile blood drives, call Glenn Robinson or Staff Sgt. Laurie Kelsey, 377-9306 or 9304.

### Postal service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality of service provided by the postal service centers.

File complaints or comments about the postal service centers by completing PSC Customer Survey forms and place them in the boxes in the postal service center lobbies.

Complaints or comments may also be filed by calling or e-mailing the quality assurance evaluator for postal service, 377-4060 or [chester.sims2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:chester.sims2@keesler.af.mil).

### Car registration

Active-duty personnel register their personal vehicles through unit orderly rooms, rather than the pass and registration office.

### Switchboard service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality of service provided by the base telephone switchboard.

Complaints or comments

about the switchboard should be based on operator response time, type of assistance, courtesy, accuracy and speed.

Customer complaint records are available by e-mailing [thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil](mailto:thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil) or calling 377-4778.

### Recyclable items

Recyclable items accepted by the refuse contractor in base housing areas:

Aluminum cans, tin cans (canned goods containers), plastic (milk jugs and soda bottles only), glass (green, brown and clear), newspaper, magazines (up to an inch thick) and cardboard (broken down and flattened).

For more information, call Master Sgt. Randy Rohrbacher, 377-5822.

### Evaluate contractors

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron seeks input in evaluating the custodial, refuse and grounds maintenance service contracts.

For complaints, comments or questions regarding the quality and services of the custodial contract, e-mail [bonnie.lutz2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:bonnie.lutz2@keesler.af.mil) or call 377-4600; for the refuse contract, e-mail [randy.rohrbacher@keesler.af.mil](mailto:randy.rohrbacher@keesler.af.mil) or call 377-5822; for the grounds maintenance contract, e-mail [debra.roth@keesler.af.mil](mailto:debra.roth@keesler.af.mil) or call 377-2865 or 5821.

### DRMO withdrawals

Withdrawal of items from Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office via the DRMO Web site is prohibited, according to supply officials.

All DRMO withdrawals are required to be processed through the chief of supply, officials said.

For more information, call George Contas, 81st Supply Squadron, 377-2360.

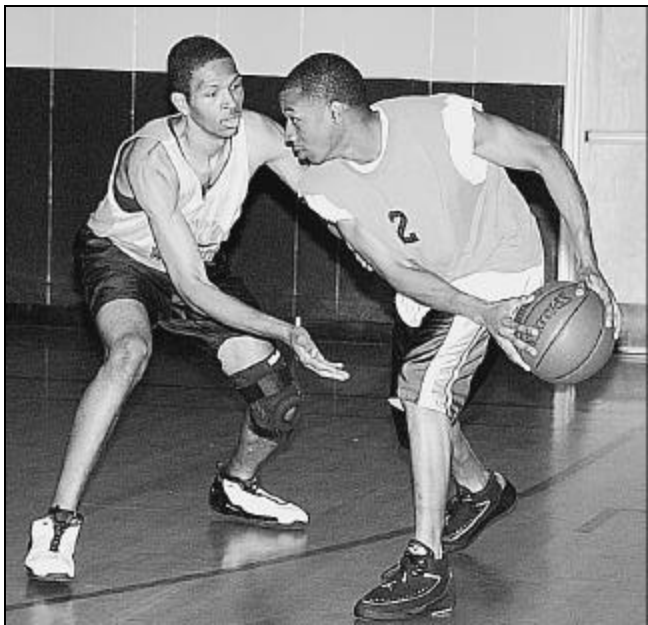
### Housing complaints

Housing occupants who feel they receive inadequate service from the housing maintenance contractor may request an inquiry.

Customer complaint forms are available at the housing office.

For more information, call 377-3115.

## SPORTS AND RECREATION



**Christopher King, left, 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS, defends against Kenneth Dukes, 333rd TRS. Dukes scored 28 and 14 points during both championship games.**



**Erick Welcome, 333rd TRS, employs a fast break in an attempt to keep the opposing defense off guard.**

# Ducks soar to basketball title

**By Senior Airman Carlos Diaz**

**Keesler News staff**

The 333rd Training Squadron Mad Ducks defeated the 81st Supply-Transportation-Contracting Squadrons twice, 46-39 and 33-27, March 3, to capture the intramural basketball championship.

The 333rd TRS, which ended the regular season in a first place tie for the American League title at 9-2 with the 334th TRS Gators, played more double-elimination playoff games than any of the other 11 teams. They were 6-1 in seven playoff games.

In only their second playoff game, the Mad Ducks found themselves swimming in troubled waters when they lost to the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 53-37, Feb. 26. The loss sent the Mad Ducks flying south to the losers' bracket.

In their first four playoff games, the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS, who finished the regular season in a second place tie in the American League at 8-3 with the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A, were cruising smoothly through the playoffs with a 4-0 record. The Mad Ducks were their only bump on the road. They finished 4-2.

In the first championship game, the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS got off to an early 16-10 lead with steady offense and a pair of three-pointers. The Mad Ducks answered back with three three-pointers of their own, closing out the first half on a 14-6 run. At halftime, the Mad Ducks led 24-22.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS defense couldn't stop the Mad Ducks aggressive offense. They fouled the Mad Ducks six times in the second half. The Mad Ducks capitalized on the free-

throws by draining 11 out of 12 buckets.

The Mad Ducks' defense caused four turnovers and only fouled the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS once in the second half.

In the final game, fatigue began to set in. As both teams battled with fatigue, the first half closed with the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS leading 19-17 by making two timely 3-pointers, hitting three free throws and only committing one foul on defense.

The Mad Ducks quickly erased their two-point deficit by starting the second half on an 8-0 run. The score was now 25-19.

The 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS fouled the Mad Ducks five times in the second half. The Mad Ducks drained all 10 of their free throws.

With the help of shooting guard Kenneth Dukes, the Mad Ducks' most prolific scorer, and point guard Erick Welcome, the top backcourtman, the champs were able to outscore the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS, 16-8, in the second half.

With less than a minute to go, the Mad Ducks only led by four points. A quick jumper by Welcome and two final free throws by Dukes sealed the Mad Ducks' 33-27 victory.

The strong efforts of Eric Smith, Chris King, Gilbert Morris, Leviticus Robinson, Jonathan Gopez, Lloyd Chatman and other key 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS players weren't enough to prevent the Mad Ducks from claiming the title.

A healthy mix of players like Dukes, Welcome, forward Chris Geiger, center Vernon Mangum and a good supporting cast enabled the 333rd TRS Mad Ducks to win their first basketball title in many years, according to the base champs.

## SCORES AND MORE

### Basketball

#### Intramural

**Editor's note:** For questions about schedules or standings, call Nikki Rohleder, 377-2907, or visit the intramural sports Web site, <http://www.eteamz.com/keeslerafb>. Games are played at the Blake and Dragon fitness centers.

#### American-National leagues

(Final playoff standings)

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS	6	1
81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS	4	2
81st SFS	3	2
81st MSS	3	2
81st MDOS-A	2	2
338th TRS	2	2
81st CS	2	2
738th EIS	0	2
334th TRS	0	2
81st CES-A	0	2
81st MDOS-B	0	2
81st MDSS	0	2

**March 1** — 81st MSS 54, 81st CS 52; 333rd TRS 49, 81st MDOS-A 48; 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS 32, 81st SFS 29.

**March 2** — 333rd TRS 71, 81st MSS 61; 333rd TRS 81, 81st SFS 62.

**March 3** — 333rd TRS 46, 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS 39; 333rd TRS 33, 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS 27.

#### Pride League

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	6	1
81st MDOS	6	2
81st SFS	4	2
81st MSS	4	2
81st CES	5	3
335th TRS	2	4
CNATTU-MARDET	2	4
Veterans Affairs Med. Ctr.	1	5
738th EIS	0	7

**March 1** — 81st MDOS 2, 81st SFS 0; Veterans Affairs Medical Center 2, 738th EIS 0.

**March 3** — 81st MSS 81, 335th TRS 41; 81st CES 41, 81st CS 40.

**Friday** — 6:45 p.m. 81st MSS vs. NTTU-MARDET; 7:45 a.m. 81st CS vs. 738th EIS.

**Monday** — 6:45 p.m. 81st MSS vs. CNATTU-MARDET; 7:45 p.m. 81st CS vs. 738th EIS.

### Bowling

#### Monday Budweiser League

(As of March 1)

Team	Won	Lost
Pappy's Kids	89	51
BIF	82	58
Defending Champs	81	59
Corso Inc.	75	65
Team 4	75	65
Perry's Refrig 1	74	66
Mac's Crew	72	68
BAM!	68	72
Studio 90	68	72
Perry's Refrig 2	67	73
Hoops Gang	66	74
AFRH	66	74
Unpredictables	63 1/2	76 1/2
Team 12	62 1/2	77 1/2
Team 7	61	79
Team 13	50	90

#### Tuesday Hospital League

(As of March 2)

Team	Won	Lost
Judy and Da Guys	113	47
Hot Pockets	103	57
Spare Me	101	59

Team 9	94	66
Team 7	93	67
Team 8	91	69
Plenty of Balls	79	81
Box Kickers	64	96
We're Better Drinkers	62	98
The Scrubs	58	102
Team 11	57	103
Box Lunch	45	115

#### Tuesday VAEA League

(As of March 2)

Team	Won	Lost
Stars and Strikes	96	44
Spare Parts	84 1/2	55 1/2
No Splits	82	58
Balls & All	82	58
PhD's	81	59
Goin' Bowlistic	71	69
Tidy Bowlers	71	69
Bowl Me Over	61 1/2	78 1/2
Alley Cats	59	81
Holy Strikes	53	87
Strike Force	46	94
Strike-A-Pose	44	94

#### Wednesday Night Mixed

(As of March 3)

Team	Won	Lost
EBOWLA	111	57
Excuse Me!	109	59
4 Bs and 4 Bs	105	63
Bowling Express	104	64
David's Rejects	100	68
Oriental Express	98	70
Racin' Nuts	96	72
Donna's Dudes	90	78
Bird's Team	84	84
Team 3	73	95
Having Fun	72	96
Kitty's Krew	71	97
Seawolves	66	102
Sometimes We Do	60	108
Grunts and Gals	57	111
Wild Bunch	48	120

#### Thursday Morning Seniors

(As of March 4)

Team	Won	Lost
No Dice	97	71
Team 5	95	73
Team 14	93	75
Three and One	93	68
Team 15	92	76
Lucky Ones	90	78
Two Plus Two	86	82
Team 8	85	83
Could A Beens	82	86
Team 4	82	86
Help!!	80	88
Why Not	78	90
Team 16	74	94
Mad Hatters	73	95
We Try	73	95
Team 13	71	97

#### Thursday Federal Intramural

(As of March 4)

Team	Won	Lost
333rd TRS-A	40	16
81st SVS Misfits-A	38	18
332nd TRS-B	37	19
334th TRS-A	34	22
81st CES-A	34	22
81st MDSS-B	32	24
81st MDSS-A	32	24
738th EIS-A	32	24
338th TRS-B	30	26
81st CES Lite Crew	30	26
81st TRSS-A	26	30
81st MDOS-A	24	32
Fire Dawgs	23	33
81st CPTS	20	36
332nd TRS-A	19	37
336th TRS-A	18	38
81st TRSS-B	18	38
CNATTU	15	41

#### Thursday Morning Women

(As of March 4)

Team	Won	Lost
The Gamblers	68	36
Messed Up	59	45
Faithful Four	52	52
Team 4	47 1/2	56 1/2
Sunshine Girls	43	61
Gutter Mutters	42 1/2	61 1/2

#### Friday Mixed League

(As of Friday)

Team	Won	Lost
Pros and Cons	104	64
LJTP	102	66
It Doesn't Matter	98	70
Team 14	97	71
The Trolls	94	74
Team 12	90	78
Team 6	85	83
Misfits	83	85
Team 5	81	87
Bee Gees	81	87
Team 1	73	95
Mongrels	73	95
Wha the	70	98
Team 11	45	123

#### YABA Gold League

(As of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	21	11
Team 6	19	13
Team 7	19	13
3 Girls and a Guy	16 1/2	15 1/2
Team 5	16 1/2	15 1/2
Team 4	16 1/2	15 1/2
The 4 Baggers	15 1/2	16 1/2
Team 8	0	32

#### YABA Silver League

(As of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 3	19	13
Team 1	17 1/2	14 1/2
Team 2	16	16
Team 4	11 1/2	20 1/2

#### Saturday Bumper Kids League

(As of Saturday)

Team	Won	Lost
Team 2	19	5
Team 1	5	19

### Soccer

#### Intramural

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#### American League

(As of Feb. 26)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CS	1	0
335th TRS-A	1	0
338th TRS-A	1	0
81st MSGS	0	0
81st MDSS	0	0
335th TRS-B	0	1
338th TRS-B	0	1
338th TRS-C	0	1

**March 1 and 3** — games rescheduled for a later date.

**Monday** — 6 p.m. 81st MSGS vs. 335th TRS-B; 7 p.m. 335th TRS-A vs. 81st CS; 8 p.m. 332nd TRS vs. 338th TRS-B.

**Wednesday** — 6 p.m. 81st MSGS vs. 335th TRS-A; 7 p.m. 335th TRS-B vs. 338th TRS-A; 8 p.m. 81st MDSS vs. 332nd TRS.

# Instructor pilot becomes AETC athlete of the year

## By Master Sgt. George Jozens

### 71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

VANCE Air Force Base, Okla. — Vance's 2002 Athlete of the Year was recently named Air Education and Training Command's male representative for the 2003 Armed Forces Military Athlete of the Year.

Daniel LeBoeuf, a 32nd Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, earned the AETC title by running throughout the armed forces and Oklahoma communities and his involvement in other sports.

### Congratulations

"Competition for this prestigious award is always fierce," said John Hopper, AETC vice commander, in a congratulatory letter. "Your commitment to athletic excellence resulted in your selection, and you are the very best in our command."

LeBoeuf participated in several competitions and events throughout the world in 2003 with winning results.

He was the top American runner in the Air North Cross Country Championships, the NATO Championships in Aalborg, Denmark. He was part of the winning coed relay team in the Air Force Marathon and was the second place Air Force runner in the U.S. Armed Forces Cross-Country Championships in Houston and the World Military Cross-Country Championships in St. Astier, France.

### Squadron support

"It's difficult to compete at a high level athletically when you're an active duty military member," LeBoeuf said. "When I go to a race, I can miss up to a week of work. But the 32nd FTS steps up and fills in for me when I'm gone and gets the job done. There is no better place for an Air Force pilot-athlete to be than the 32 FTS. I dedicate this award to them."

LeBoeuf didn't only compete in military competitions. He also competed in various events in Oklahoma, winning most and placing in them all.

The base is behind LeBoeuf.

### Training

"It is great Team Vance is able to represent the U.S. Air Force in international competition," said Wade Johnson, 71st Flying Training Wing vice commander. "We're delighted he is the AETC's top male athlete and (we) wish him luck with this year's competitions."

Training is a big part of the pilot's life.

"I'm running about 65 miles per week," LeBoeuf said. "My training varies depending on what (race) I'm getting ready to compete in."

### Thank you

There is a lot of work done behind the scenes to get the pilot prepared and able to compete.

"The Vance Fitness Center has been instrumental in my success," he said. "The staff has been a huge help — Adam Sloat, Kenny O'Neal and Brian Mittelstet. Without these professionals on the staff, none of this would be possible. It's an honor to be on the podium with the many great athletes in AETC."

# DIGEST

## GRADUATIONS

### First Term Airmen Center Class 04-5

**81st Communications Squadron** — Airman Basic Christopher Roberts; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Allen, Marcus Anderson and Marcus Reed.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airman Basic Alicia Krause; Airmen 1st Class Latasha Mears and Richard Miller.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Jennifer Bridges.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Airman Kristen Drewenski.

**336th Training Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Marcus Henry.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd Training Squadron

**Basic electronic principles** — Airmen Basic David Alston, Brandon Alvey, Eric Anderson, Michael Andrewes, Justin Aultman, Robert Brooks, Kevin Browning, Miguel Cadena, Lance Clark, Matthew Cline, Tierra Colon, Elizabeth Currier, Daniel Denney, Kevin Divincenzo, Michael Donahoe, Brandon Ellis, Jason Feichter, Scott Fischer, Sarah Foerster, Benjamin Frank, Jonathan French, Matthew Frye, Andrew Gonzalez, Joshua Griffith, Paul Hass, Jamal Huntley, Luke Jennings, Christopher Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Robert Keniston, Harvey Kenyon, Daniel Kim, Denise Klug, Cori Lagasse, William Lane, Saiyd Mack, James Malby, Kenneth Martin, Ian McDermott, Gregory McMurdo, Karl Muench, Matthew Munro, Nicholas O'Brien, Jacob Ourso, David Perryman, Mitchell Prince, Bryan Richardson, Abraham Rivera, Andrew Shoemaker, Dallas Smith, Matthew Sons, Derek Stimpson, Jason Swiger, Isaac Wright and Kyle Ziehn; Airmen Rhandolf Barcinas, Adam Bragg, Patrick Cordova, Michael Fort, Cory Shipko, Lien Smith, Christopher Staub, Christopher Swenson and Brock Waite; Airmen 1st Class Eric Affholter, Vincent Appel, Timothy Brinton, Chance Brown, Dedra Butler, Michael Daly, Michael Demarco, Morgan Doehling, Brandon Fontenot, David Gaston, Hector Gonzalez, James Haro, Jeffrey Huffman, Brian Johnson, John King, Eric Leffers, Gregory Littlefield, Alan Lotspeich, Kawika Malama, Jeremiah Martin, Tarha Mazyck, William McIsaac, David Mecteaux, Ruth Miller, Henry Oshiro, Norvel Perkins, Justin Poucher, Michael Ruiz, Ramon Russicasillas, Miles Shepard, Cory Slater, Jason Stange, Tehresa Wall, Christopher Wascher, Ralph Williamson and William Wright; Senior Airmen Jay Faylor, Prabhat McDonnough-Contreras, Timothy McIntosh, Michael Misunas, Craig Myers, Russell Richard and Adam Vernati; Staff Sgts. Terrell Adams, Ronald Braggs, Joe Breunig, Wayne Chamberlin, Mark Cox, Robert Davis, Bobby Fly, Terence Frankland, Terence Frechette, Justin Jacobs, Travis Johnson, Steven Love and Richard Springer; Tech. Sgts. James Jones, Richard Matiska and Cindy Phillips; Senior Master Sgts. Michael Hudson and Seok Yoon; 2nd Lt. Fakhraddin Musa-Zada; Capt. Murad Zaynalov; Maj. Rovshan Shabanov.

**Metrology training flight** — Airmen Basic Monserrat Payan, Larry Prasek and Ronald Sereny; Airmen 1st Class Godric Harris, James Lee and Jeffery Wyland.

#### 334th TRS

**Aerospace control and warning systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Casey Aniceto, Keri Blanchard, Andre Brito, Joenald Cabanag, William DeAnda, Teresa Edloe, Gregory Heckel, William Hoffeld, Michael Malloy, Andrew Miller and Quiani Miller; Airmen Larissa Black and Revonda White; Airmen 1st Class Stephanie Bostic, Sherry Kobes, Constance Leshner and Kora Margurite; Staff Sgt. James McIlmail; Tech. Sgt. Richard Bowman.

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Stephanie Agerton, Justin Allee, Leornard Brewer, Aarika Callaway, Kellen Campbell, Tommy Chesney, Dorothy Hall, Tony Lansdell, Joseph Rumbaugh, David Stutzbach, Keston Thompson, Trevor Todd, Jesse Wells and Charles Woford; Airman Scott Causey; Airmen 1st Class Kevin Killoren, John Lopez, Travis McDonald, Vincent Miranda, Dawn Randolph, Michael Siudzinski; Staff Sgts. Danny Bumb, Patrick Colclasure, Flora Debrick, Kenneth Engledow, John Groves, John McNatt, Aaron Taylor, Monique Whitaker and David Whitney; Tech. Sgts. Cynthia Gallegos, Benjamin Hammond, Daniel Hauger and Stanley Leigh; Pete McNaughton and Phil Quigley.

#### 335th TRS

**Comptroller training flight** — Airmen Basic Joycelyn Ashton, Jacob Bright, Sierra Brown, Amber Cortes, Dale Crawley, Talia Eames, Latasha Fauntleroy, Jacquelyn Gannon, Stanley Henderson, Joshua Manney, Jaymark Ochoa, Elizabeth Uzelac and Montrail White; Airmen Ashleigh Douglas and Matthew Sherman; Airmen 1st Class Stefan Choquette, Robert Lax, Rachel Polansky and Joseph Schwab; Senior Airmen Kevin Brewer, Diana Gracia, Kristy Price and Joy Spillers; Staff Sgts. Adrian Broadhead, Mario Cabanero, Jon Clauson, Dawn Findlay and Dale Murray, Tech. Sgt. Despena Melton; Master Sgt. Timothy Potter.

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Allison Smith and Tiffany Vasso; Navy Airmen Recruit Darryl Blumer, Matthew Fincham and Michael Jarvis; Airmen Amos Barrows and Martin Ventress; Navy Airmen Apprentice Derron Gee, Christopher Lewin, Christopher Rowell and Joshua Siegel; Airmen 1st Class Javier Acosta, Michael Johnson, Aaron Jones, Michael Norton, Brigitte Powell and Lisa Wulff; Navy Airmen Jerrad Christain and Nicolas Gaddy; Tech. Sgts. Janice Holloway and Jason Ziemba; Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer John Stengel.

#### 336th TRS

**Communication-computer systems control training flight** — Airmen Basic Randy Butts, Nickole Gooden, Timothy Korn, Jared Kunicki, Jonathon Martinez, Daniel McCoy, John Mcdowell, Jason Patee, Rami Rafeh, Nicholas Sandberg, Aaron Werley and Christopher Williams; Airmen Steven Eakins, Salvador Lopez, Daven Tucek, Luis Toledo, Rayshan Weerakoon and Aron Wetzel; Airmen 1st Class Aaron Francis, Brian Giese, Travis Gruber, Jeremy Jeffcoat, Sara Losos, David Mansfield, Adam McElvain, Benjamin McKenna, Joshua Oles, Timi Reid, Clifford Rowley, Jason Stabler and Daniel Zamora; Senior Airmen Steven Austin, Nicholas Boyle, Irving Brace, Corey Chester, Donald Elliston, Jeffrey Flanders, Jason Ghan, Gilbert Herrera, Miguel Isaza, David Keil, Saunoa Moe, Tiwanna Puryear, Bryan Robinson, Thomas Roser, Amanda Silvania, Gary Smith, Shaun Weimer and Micah Yount; Staff Sgts. Clinton Adams, Jeffery Adams, Paul Bethancourt, Donnie Bryant, Levi Bushman, Michael Campbell, Anthony Colvin, Keith Decker, James Desgrange, Refugio Escareno, Patrick Fernandez, Susan Fisher, Jonjon Givens, David Goss, Donald Gray, Carlos Griggs, Todd Hankey, Brian Hansberry, Dawn Jeanquart, Angel Luera, John McElreath, Bryan McGuire, Ronald Nason, Gregg Neal, Dennis Schmidt, Nicholas Shabdue, Jason Smith, Allen Spoon, Jeffry Tamietti and Elizabeth Wolfgram; Tech. Sgts. Jonathon Beane Neal Clark, David Garcia, Norberto Lopez-Perez, Timothy Schultz, Jason Tolbert and Kenneth Zehnder; Master Sgts. Carl Anthony, Harry Hyslop and Richard Mann.

**Communications-computer systems training flight** — Airmen Basic Aaron Benish, Jason Curiel, Garrett Dawson, Jonathan Dillard, Paul Edwards, Edward Harmoush, Perry Lucky, Steven Ring, Grant Watts and Christopher Ziegler; Airmen Andrew Close, Travis Cox, David Dunaway, Christopher Klise, Rodney Monson, David Schneider and Joseph Smith; Airmen 1st Class Fernando Barolin, Christopher Bellar, Daniel Beug, Carissa Brittain, Andrea Fackler, Kaprice Frye, Heather Harkins, Michael McCauley, Stewart Miller, Brice Rozier, Sunita Sankpal, Justin Schmidt, Steven Scott, Andrew Sloan, Keith White, Richard Whitford, Daniel Wichlacz and James Wisner; Senior Airmen Jeannine Buffington, Brent Byng, Christopher Canarelli, Darnell Carter, Mentor Cavazos, Christopher Ellenburg, Romeo Gardner, Scott Green, Jesse Hopkins, Scotty McCormick, Michael Miller, Michael Rothstein, Matthew Seritt and James Soliday; Staff Sgts. Ruiz Boneta, Charles Branum, John Brown, Charles Clark, Phillip Cockrell, Steven Coleman, Theodore Cortez, Raymond Cruz, Kevin Dignum, Daneian Easy, Frank El, Ronald Evans, Desmond Farrell, Scott Ferrell, David French, Anthony Gomez, Daniel Gonzalez, David Hanson, David Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Richard Kelly, Christopher Moore, Joseph Mungo, Richard Neel, Veena Peediyakkal, David Risnear, Jeannine Ryan, Donald Schmidt, Andrew Smilie, Paul Tan, Joao Vicente, Ivan Walker, Leland Weathers, Melissa White and William Witt; Tech. Sgts. Michael Castleton, Brian Deblis, Shane McAllister, Leilani Quinn, Steven Sprouffske, Richard Vanderwoude, Mark Wong and Eric Zimmerman; Master Sgts. Chris Bloom, William Bradford, Betty Patterson and Gregg Williams; Senior Master Sgt. Eric Rivera.

**Information management training flight** — Airmen Basic Adam Huntsinger and Keshia Rosario; Airmen 1st Class Charles Aaron and Araceli Saucedo; Senior Airmen Timeeka Bond, Joshua Gonzalez, and Brandon Manton; Staff Sgts. Edward Buri, Tanya Jackson, Adam Jipson and Sherry Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Jerry Pitts and Brian Wells.

#### 338th TRS

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Roger Ammens, Jonathan Campos, Mary Osterman, Jason Reist, Steven Salas and Joshua Sciarrotta; Airmen Christopher Apicella, Joshua Barclay, Stephen Bridges, Ryan Halbert, Samuel Lake, Oscar Magana, Benjamin O'Brien and

Matthew Winter; Airmen 1st Class Devin Cesnik, Brian Giddens, Andrew Gray, Jake Iliff, David Kegler, Keith Kittler, Monica Masters, Ryan Mayer, Juliana Smith, Korrie Spinks, Stephen Turner and Oscar Vargus; Senior Airmen Samuel Arlia, Darrell Johnson and Amos King; Staff Sgts. Russel Ledbetter and David Mervine.

**Radar systems** — Airmen Nicholas Anderson and Mark Sheldahl; Airmen 1st Class Timothy Marks, Todd Coburn, David DiLorenzo Jr. and Christopher Marek; Senior Airmen Jose Deliz and Randall Kober; Staff Sgts. Cary Defoe and Sean Scaraglino; Tech. Sgt. Arthur Brown; Chief Master Sgt. Wael Alaraj.

## TRICARE

**Beneficiary services** — to enroll in TRICARE Prime, call (800) 444-5445.

**Debt collection assistance** — call 2nd Lt. Sophie Trahan, 377-6647, or visit Room BG-200, Keesler Medical Center.

**Claims services** — (800) 403-3950.

**Health benefits/beneficiary counseling and assistance** — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. James is in Room 4B-106 and Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

**Education center for women** — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call (800) 700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

**Keesler Medical Center clinic hours** —for adult care and pediatrics, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; pediatrics 8-11 a.m. and family practice 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The appointment line, (800) 700-8603, is open 5-6 a.m. Monday-Friday for active-duty sick call only, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday for all other beneficiaries, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday.

**On the Internet** — for TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For general information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>. For Region 4 information, log on to <http://region4.tricare.osd.mil>. The Web site now includes breast health information in Spanish through a link at [http://region4.tricare.osd.mil/breast\\_health](http://region4.tricare.osd.mil/breast_health). Keesler Medical Center is found at <http://www.keesler.af.mil/medctr>.

**TRICARE Service Center** — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 04-C** — graduation April 6.

### First Term Airmen Center

**Class 04-6** — Monday through March 25.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 04-3** — graduation March 24.

### Keesler Medical Center

**Shaving clinic** — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Allergy/immunization clinic** — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

**International travel clinic** — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Retirement and veterans briefing** — 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 15, Aug. 12, Sept. 15, Oct. 7, Nov. 18 and Dec. 9, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-7052.

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**Department of Labor three-day transition assistance program** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5-7, May 10-12, June 7-9, July 12-14, Aug. 9-11, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 4-6, Nov. 15-17 and Dec. 6-8, Room 130, Sablich Center. Open to all separating or retiring military, federal employees and their families. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

**Job fair preparation resume and interview workshops** — 9-11 a.m. or 2-4 p.m. April 2, Room 130, Sablich Center. Seating limited to 50 people per session; open to active-duty members who are separating, family members, civilians and retirees. Attendees should bring work experience and education notes to draft resume or job objective. Tips for answering interview questions and making the best impression are discussed. To register, call 377-2179.

**11th Annual Southern Regional Job Fair** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 13, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. More than 100 potential employers expected. For more information, call Ron Bublik, 377-8592, ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil, or Steve McDaniel, 377-8591, steve.mcdaniel@keesler.af.mil.

**Executive transition assistance program** — May 3-6, Room 130, Sablich Center. Offers Air Education and Training Command active-duty personnel retiring or separating within 18 months necessary skills and knowledge to seek corporate employment. Participants should hold advanced degrees and possess management and leadership experience. Register online Monday-April 7 at <https://www.aetc.af.mil/dp/familymatters/index.htm>. For more information, call DSN 487-2669; Ron Bublik, 377-8592, ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil, or Steve McDaniel, 377-8591, steve.mcdaniel@keesler.af.mil.

**PALACE Chase information briefings** — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

**Physicians and dentists** — Air Force Instruction 36-3205 requires a PALACE Front information briefing for members eligible to remain on active duty who choose to separate. In many cases, officers ineligible to remain on active duty are eligible for the Reserve. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Oman, health professions recruiter, 377-8332 or 348-0592.

**Job search seminars** — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 112, Sablich Center. Job search methods and skills for family members who are new to the area or reentering the job market. To preregister, call 377-2179.

### Job opportunities

**Office of Special Investigations** — seeks military volunteers to become special agents. Senior airmen with less than six years time in service, staff sergeants and technical sergeants in all career fields except security forces are eligible. Security forces members in the grades of technical sergeant-select through master sergeant are eligible; staff sergeants aren't presently eligible unless they are 13 months from the end of their initial enlistment. Members with at least 18 months time on station and less than 12 years of total active duty service may apply. Applicants with foreign language and computer and technical skills desirable. Anyone interested and already selected for forced cross-training should contact AFOSI Detachment 407 immediately. For more information, call 377-3420.

**Army warrant officer program** — highly motivated soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airmen needed in 45 specialty areas. Those with less than 12 years active federal service encouraged to apply. For more information, visit <http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant> or call 1-502-626-0484, 0458, 0488, 0478, 0271 or 1860.

**Mississippi Air National Guard, Gulfport** — seeks active-duty service members separating from the Air Force to fill part-time vacancies in utilities, aerospace ground equipment, fire protection, satellite and wideband communications, ground radio communications and radar operations. If you're interested in Palace Chase/Palace Front, call (228) 214-6205 or 6017 or toll free (866) 229-1586 or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Aaron, kimberly.aaron@msjack.ang.af.mil or Master Sgt. Paul Robertson, paul.robertson@msjack.ang.af.mil.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Employment Network Center** — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go

## KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and their families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:  
**Life skills enhancement center** — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.  
**Family support center** — 377-2179.  
**Family advocacy** — 377-7006.  
**Family member program** — 377-3077.  
**Health and wellness center** — 377-5305.  
**403rd Wing** — 377-3277.  
**Chapel** — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331

### Classes, seminars

**Sensible Weigh** — 11 a.m. today, March 19 and 25, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.  
**Tobacco cessation** — noon and 5 p.m. March 17, 24 and 31, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.  
**Stress management** — 4 p.m. March 23, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.  
**Healthy cooking demonstration** — noon March 25, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Editor's note: Included are base organizations and events with positions available, and training orientation, activities and other information for volunteers. For more information on many volunteer opportunities in the surrounding community, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.**

**Retiree Appreciation Day** — April 16; 25 volunteers needed. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Kirtley, 377-4642.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Cynthia Franklin, 377-8781; Airman 1st Class Amber Lenhard, 377-6554, or email keesler.aadd@keesler.af.mil.

**American Red Cross-Keesler Chapter** — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.

**Chapel** — for more information, call 377-2520.

**Cub Scout Pack 214** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

**Family support center** — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

**Fisher House** — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

**Girl Scouts** — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

**High school students** — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

**Honor guard** — for information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

**International military student office** — for more information, call 377-4228.

**McBride Library** — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

**Medical center** — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

**Retirees activities office** — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

## MEETINGS

### Upcoming

**Keesler Officers Spouses Club** — 10:30 a.m. brunch, Tuesday, Keesler Club. Romance novelist Delores Fossen is guest speaker. For reservations, call Rocio Nadolski, 374-1399.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Dining facility menus

For recording of daily menus, call 377-3463.

### Movies at Welch Auditorium

**Editor's note: Tickets are \$2.75 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.25 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Today** — 7 p.m., Cold Mountain (R, 154 minutes).

**Friday** — 7 p.m., The Perfect Score (PG-13, 103 minutes).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., My Baby's Daddy (PG-13, 99 minutes); 7 p.m., The Big Bounce (PG-13, 93 minutes); 9:30 p.m. The Butterfly Effect (R, 113 minutes).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., My Baby's Daddy (PG-13, 99 minutes).

### Air Force Assistance Fund

**Project officer** — 1st Lt. Gerald Proctor, 377-2428.

**Assistant project officer** — Master Sgt. Gregory McClain, 377-9464.

**81st Support Group** — Master Sgts. Joan Moak, 377-4636, and Randy Schneider, 377-4728.

**81st Medical Group** — Senior Master Sgt. Robert Egersdorf, 377-2114.

**81st Training Group** — Capt. Kevin Hoffer, 377-5790.

**81st Training Wing staff agencies** — Capt. Craig Smalls, 377-2308, and Tech. Sgt. John McDill, 377-7031.

**2nd Air Force** — Senior Master Sgt. Clifford Massey, 377-1305, and Staff Sgt. William Kanoy, 241-9915.

**738th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Eric McCross, 377-1012, and Master Sgt. Terrence Mosley, 377-4635.

**81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron** — Staff Sgt. Thad Richard, 377-7174, and Chief Master Sgt. Xavier Springs, 377-6937.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Calvin Bauman, 377-3828, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Charles, 377-1417.

**81st Communications Squadron** — 2nd Lt. Jerry Buckles, 377-2052, and Master Sgt. Bradley Waid, 377-5555.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — 2nd Lt. Michael Marquez, 377-2045, and Airman 1st Class Adam Weber, 377-7277.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Terri Thomas, 377-1814, and Airman 1st Class Adam Barnes, 377-1847.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Jamie Reed, 377-5124, and Vikki Provost, 377-4510.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — 1st Lt. Jeffrey Barganier, 377-9085, and Master Sgt. Ed Goldsmith, 377-377-9126.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — 1st Lt. Brian Mix, 377-6194, and Staff Sgt. Mary Dunnington, 253-3140.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Tech. Sgt. Brian Mercer, 377-6281, and Senior Airman Tiffany Kennedy, 377-0378.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Senior Airman Christianna Day, 377-3305, and 1st Lt. Gregory McCampbell, 377-4573.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Staff Sgts. Ginnie Fudge and Stephen Hicks, 377-3040.

**81st Services Division** — Master Sgts. Curtis Wells, 377-3074, and Robert Bell, 377-4469.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Master Sgt. Jimmie McClish, 377-4664, and Staff Sgt. Alan Pitts, 377-4376.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Capt. Rodney Berns, 377-6213, and Master Sgt. Jeff Sandoval, 377-6225.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Senior Master Sgt. Brian Corcoran, 377-2649, and Master Sgt. Eric Bethel, 377-0749.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Staff Sgt. John Smith, 377-2430, and Airman 1st Class Jamelia Nix, 377-4929.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Capt. Kristin Lutz, 377-4574, and Tech. Sgt. Brad Robbins, 377-9481.

**333rd TRS** — Senior Airman Matthew Criscillis, 377-6622, and Staff Sgt. Lucrica Gilliam, 377-1219.

**334th TRS** — 1st Lts. Ray Crotts, 377-5544, and Phil McKinney, 377-5541.

**335th TRS** — 1st Lt. Marian Mullinix, 377-3684, and Capt. Sherard Dorroh, 377-9178.

**336th TRS** — Master Sgt. Stephen Parshall, 377-3979, and Staff Sgt. Chad Grant, 377-1256.

**338th TRS** — Staff Sgt. Robert Batesole, 377-1780, and Master Sgt. David Latham, 377-1694.

**Keesler NCO Academy** — Tech. Sgts. Joyce Foster, 377-3592, and Emberly Dominguez, 377-8621.